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Applicant: Yuri Svirkin et al.
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USE
Examiner: A. C. Milligan
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 4, 2009, Applicant hereby elects Group 1, which includes at least claims 1, 28 and 55, for continued examination. Applicant notes that an election of species is not required, as the Examiner on page 4 of the Restriction Requirement required an election of species only if Group 2 is elected.

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant has elected Group 1 without traverse. The Applicant hereby makes this election in order to expedite prosecution of this application but without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's basis for the Restriction Requirement or the arguments presented therein. Applicant notes that upon allowance of a product claim, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowed product claim will be considered for rejoinder.